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Box Patent Application

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Appl. No. To be assigned; Filed: Herewith on February 15, 2001
For: **System and Method for Suppressing Silence in Voice Traffic Over an
Asynchronous Communication Medium**
Inventor(s): Gummalla *et al.*
Our Ref: 1875.0430001

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

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- i. 20 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 4 pages of claims (24 claims, 3 independent);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
 - b. 10 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-10);
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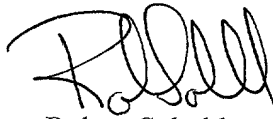
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Respectfully submitted,

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